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TWO MORE DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two more defendants were charged in federal court today with attempting to rob the Bank of America.

James E. Bowman, 38, and **Jimmy J. Bowman**, 40, both of Kansas City, Mo., were charged with attempted armed bank robbery in a criminal complaint filed in Kansas City this morning. The co-defendants are brothers.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the federal criminal complaint, the **Bowmans**, along with **Daniel D. Salazar**, 19, also of Kansas City, confronted an employee who routinely cleans the Bank of America building at 8550 Holmes in Kansas City, as he arrived for work at 5:40 a.m. on May 12, 2004. **Jimmy Bowman**, who was carrying a handgun, allegedly forced the employee to open the door as **James Bowman** and **Salazar**, also carrying handguns, approached. The robbers repeatedly ordered the employee to open the bank's vaults and teller drawers, the affidavit says, but he told them he did not have access to any of the bank's money. When the robbers realized the employee was not able to provide them with any money, they left the bank.

Salazar was also charged with attempted armed bank robbery in a federal criminal complaint filed on May 26, 2004. **Salazar** contacted the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department on May 13, 2004, and offered to provide information about the attempted robbery that occurred the day before. Local television and newspaper media had advertised a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for that attempted robbery and related unsolved bank robberies, the affidavit says. **Salazar** hoped to claim that reward by providing information about the robbers. In the course of their investigation, the affidavit alleges, law enforcement officers learned that **Salazar** was one of three men who participated in the attempted bank robbery.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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